

STATE REPRESENTATIVE ELIZABETH M. COGGS



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE ~ 10TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

WIS-ENEWS-10 **State Representative Elizabeth M. Coggs**

Dear friend,

“Governor Scott Walker with far reaching support of Republicans has signed off on a dramatic reversal of our shared Wisconsin programs and services. As we will feel the pain in Milwaukee and Wisconsin with our high unemployment numbers, this budget keeps the poor poorer and the rich richer. It supports corporate giveaways; re-enforcing poverty and attacking middle-class families and values; favoring big corporations and Republicans.

“This budget shifts funding from public education, raises taxes on seniors, slashes funding for universities and job retraining programs and passes the buck to local communities. As a former Milwaukee County Supervisor I know the severe hardships that this budget brings to cities and counties.”

Governor Scott Walker and the Republicans broke repeated promises: they raised property taxes, raided funds, hiked fees and increased state spending by \$1.1 billion. “At the same time the governor hands out \$2.3 billion in corporate giveaways, giving away workers rights for collective bargaining.” Republicans are telling the workers loud and clear who cares if you just lost their jobs in this horrific fiscal situation.”

“The people of Milwaukee and Wisconsin must demand justice not just us!” This budget will have harsh and negative effects to children, families, neighborhoods and communities...the entire state will be a ghetto in the next few years. We in Wisconsin have a motto of “Forward” this budget spells out “Backward.”

The governor issued a veto that would give his administration more say over the limits it would put in place for a family planning program that provides free birth control to those as young as 15. Those limits could include new restrictions on the ages and incomes of those who use the program, but the federal government would have to sign off on the changes first.

Amanda Harrington, a spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, said the changes could endanger federal support for the program.

"We will do everything possible to protect this program, which helps 57,000 people in Wisconsin afford basic preventive health care at health care providers throughout the state," Harrington said. (<http://www.jsonline.com/news/statepolitics/124563073.html>)

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Walker also vetoed a section that would have prohibited needy state residents placed in transitional jobs from working at nonprofit employers, saying it could have made it more difficult to get individuals back into the work force.

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“This budget was about choices, and Gov. Walker and the legislative Republicans made the wrong ones. Wisconsin’s working families deserve better.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth M. Coggs". The script is fluid and cursive.

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